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THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY

LONDON, OCT. 22.
BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIAL RECONVERSION—REMAINS STICKY. CABLES REUTER'S FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT. THE MOOD OF MOST INDUSTRIALISTS AT THE MOMENTS IS RESIGNATION, FRUSTRATION, OR FURY—THOUGH PROBABLY ONLY TRANSITIONAL. THE WORST BOTTLE-NECK IS MANPOWER, ESPECIALLY SKILLED LABOUR.
PARTLY, THIS IS A DELIBERATE POLICY. BRITAIN'S MOBILISATION WAS ENTIRELY BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE WAR EFFORT, WITH NO REGARD WHATSOEVER FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, FOR INSTANCE, A YOUNG UNMARRIED MAN WITH ENGINEERING SKILL WAS LEFT ON THE JOB WHILE OLDER MEN WITHOUT SKILL BUT HELPFUL TO THE WAR INDUSTRY WERE DRAFTED INTO ARMED FORCES. HOWEVER MANY DEPENDANTS THEY HAD. Demobilisation, however, is mainly on a fairness of principle. Accordingly, young skilled engineers who have been "deferred" throughout the war are now being drafted while the older men are being demobilised. Skills acquired by the latter in the armed forces may turn to be very useful but, meanwhile, returning less skilled men, to industry may not replace one skilled engineer withdrawn from industry. The demobilisation procedure already pays some regard to this but will have to pay more as and when this government and country increasingly realise that Britain is not demobilising but re-mobilising, especially for exports, without which Britain dies—must itself be tackled as a war operation. STOKES DUMPS
Meanwhile, the Steel Workers Union typically complains that production of various products, especially tin-plate and steel-sheets could be greatly increased if factories now used as storage dumps by government departments were rapidly cleared. The Union adds that the steel industry also wants far more labour and more coal and that efficiency could be greatly raised by cooperation between management and labour. Finance is no bottleneck so long as these physical shortages are a real limitation. Many applications for business loans are in suspense because the projects concerned are delayed by physical limitations and non-financial complications. Textiles is a more serious factor. Originally designed to "take profit out of war" British hudders' net can't excess profit far which still prevails is really taxing itself. TO-DAY'S BUDGET
Tuesday's budget may concretely recognize a vital need for encouraging enterprise and industrial reconstruction. Conceivably the chancellor of the Exchequer may greatly reduce or even abolish the excess profits tax but replace it by taxation or restriction on dividends designed to encourage industry to make profits but to spend them on modernising equipment, instead of dividends. Since earnings have ploughed back into any business which belongs to its shareholders no less than to dividends this might not be bearish for the Stock Exchange. CAPITAL INVESTMENT
Any investment in real capital must imperatively be encouraged by some means. Britain's worst danger is that the Government's requirements for defence and the public's demands for better living standards after the war time austerity will leave little of the country's resources for real capital investment, without which, Britain's national income cannot be raised to meet her commitments internal and external. Many believe Britain must rebuild her greatness in the same way as Soviet Russia, and her greatness, namely by capitalism—in the economic, as distinct from the political sense, of that much abused word. Reuter.

Gen. de Gaulle Romps Home

PARIS, OCT. 22.
THE FRENCH PEOPLE IN THE FIRST FREE ELECTION SINCE 1939 HAVE DEMONSTRATED TO THE WORLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, THEIR DETERMINATION TO MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP OF THE OLD REGIME—REGARDED BY THEM AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISASTER IN THE WAR—AND TO SET UP IN ITS PLACE SOMETHING NEW.
FINAL FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE—SOME OF THE RESULTS MUST COME FROM OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN FRANCE—BUT GEN. DE GAULLE'S PARTIES HAVE GAINED A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY IN THE NEW CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, AND THE COUNTRY GAVE AN UNCOMPROMISING AFFIRMATIVE TO HIS REFERENDUM QUESTION.

Early returns gave 28,047 for the new constitution and 1,177 against.

On the second question—to determine whether a provisional government or the newly elected assembly should exercise executive powers during the seven months' interim for the new constitution—the early count was 23,884 for the provisional government and 8,490 against.

Former Premier Edouard Daladier was defeated in his contest for the National Assembly. He ran on the Radical Socialist ticket.

DE GAULLE ABSTAINS
Outstanding among the small number of abstentions was General Charles de Gaulle, who apparently wished to carry out to the full the logical conclusion of his attitude of remaining outside party strife. To-day's election has been the most portentous one in the past three generations, writes Harold King, Reuter's chief correspondent in France.

Seventy-five years ago, after being defeated by the Prussians led by Bismarck, France rose from the ashes and created the Third Republic. Rising from another and more terrible disaster, France to-day made a choice which will again lay the basis for a new constitution.

STABILITY
Millions of words have been written in the French press about the referendum and the electoral programmes of various parties but the fundamental issue, as seen by the average French citizen, long for order, work and progress within the framework of freedom, has been that of reconciling the need for renovation with a guarantee of stability. He has lost confidence in pre-war institutions and in most of his pre-war leaders and wants a change of men and methods. But he has not lost his basic conservatism and therefore wants a guarantee against wild experiments. Reuter.

EARLY COMMUNIST LEAD
The polling was heavier than at any previous election in French history, more than 80 per cent. of the voters going to the poll. Final figures will not be available until later, but the referendum vote so far shows a majority of at least two to one in favour of General de Gaulle's plan for a Constituent Assembly and the drawing up of a constitution for a Fourth Republic.

Fifteen of his 24 Cabinet Ministers have been elected. The three principal parties have broken fairly even, with the Communists in lead. Worst failure was the Radical Socialists who have obtained less than 20 seats.

Latest figures are—
Communists 140
De Gaulle party (the left wing Catholics) 131
Socialists 136
—Associated Press.

RESOUNDING VICTORY
The answers to the referendum were a success for General de Gaulle, which exceeded even his most optimistic hopes. Votes counted at eight o'clock this morning showed an overwhelming majority in favour of the Constituent Assembly.

The second question was also answered by an overwhelming "yes" to give the Government a virtually free hand to wield executive power during the constitutional-making period, though the majority was lower.

In voting for the Assembly too, de Gaulle scored a resounding victory. The two parties which supported him most closely—Socialists and M.R.P. (Mouvement Republicain Populaire) will, together, dispose of the far largest number of seats in the new Chamber.

The official figures of the total votes polled by different parties as counted up to 5.30 a.m. this morning show that the Socialists are on top with 780,787, the Communists coming second with 640,081, M.R.P. (Progressive Catholics) 574,885, Rightists 221,470, Radicals 158,868, and Independents 98,512. Reuter.

BAILLIE STEWART REMANDED

London, Oct. 22.
Norman Baillie Stewart appeared at the Old Bailey to-day, charged with high treason. The case was adjourned until November 1. Reuter.

SOVIET TROOPS DEMONSTRATING?

Sofia, Oct. 22.
Soviet troops with newly arrived tanks and artillery were reported to-day to have taken positions in southern Bulgaria near the Turkish border.
Additional troops have been coming across the Danube in fairly constant streams for several weeks.
It is the third time this year that the Russians have manoeuvred near the Turkish-Bulgarian border. Associated Press.

STALIN MAY RELAX GRIP IN MOSCOW

WASHINGTON, OCT. 22.
SPECUKATION HAS INCREASED IN RECENT DAYS AMONG WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS ON REPORTS THAT JOSEF STALIN MIGHT STEP OUT OF SOME OF HIS WARTIME JOBS IN THE SOVIET ADMINISTRATION.

One effect might be to place more authority in the hands of the Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov.

Some highly placed authorities lean toward the conclusion that with the war ended, Stalin feels the government direction may be entrusted to others.

Washington officials are concerned because Stalin has been a strong influence for Russian cooperation with the United States.

What Stalin decides about general policy may determine Russia's next move with respect to Japanese occupation controls. Many diplomats question what Russia's move would be if Stalin turned the problems over to some one else. Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 22.
The Veterans of Foreign Wars at their convention to-day urged the government to "proceed with caution" in dealing with requests by other nations for funds and food supplies. Associated Press.

JAP FAILS AT TEST IN N.T. INCIDENT

REPORTS OF JAPANESE WANDERING ABOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES IN A FORLORN HOPE OF SINOIFYING THEMSELVES AND DEVELOPING INTO GOOD AND PROSPEROUS CHINESE ARE CONSTANTLY COMING IN.
ODD CHINESE HAWKERS, TRADERS AND TEA-HOUSE FREQUENTERS TELL TALES THAT ARE UNVERIFIABLE.

A good one, however, emanates from Captain R. M. Barnett, H.K.V.D.C. liaison officer to the Military Administration, Kowloon, who, while motoring in the vicinity of Wo Hop Shek on Sunday came across a man bicycling in the same direction whom he overtook, but with an instinctive feeling of a nip in the vicinity, unconsciously drawing a hand to the brake, the man on the bicycle slowly cycled up. Big features had something up Chinese about them. Capt. Barnett decided to embark on some Cantonese conversation. The reply to a modest question as to where the honourable gentleman was cycling from brought the answer "Shimcheon," which was as bad as "Shibboleth" mispronounced. Captain Barnett drew out his revolver. The Japanese lost all control of himself and soon owned up that he was Japanese and not Chinese. He was handed over to a 5 Commando post.

Adm. Raeder Kidnapped?

Berlin, Oct. 22.
An American intelligence officer, commenting on published reports that Grand Admiral Raeder had been kidnapped from the Russians, said the Russians had promised to deliver him at Nuernberg in advance of the November 20 war criminals trial. He said the Russians were serving indictments on Raeder. Associated Press.

AGED MARSHAL SHIRKS ISSUE

STOCKHOLM, OCT. 22.
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Meanwhile the Moscow dominated Allied Control Commission in Helsinki is most direct in the "war responsible" matter, not mentioning any candidates of their own fancy.

In this quarter, on the contrary, it is stressed it is Finland's own business in accordance with the armistice stipulations. The trial of the above is public, except where it may affect "relations with a foreign power," when it will be held in camera. Although this black-out is permitted by an old law dated 1936 it may keep certain references to the Soviet Union, in the course of the trial, from becoming public property. Reuter.

Officers Buy An Island

KURE, JAPAN, OCT. 22.
TWO AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS ARE PROBABLY THE ONLY SERVICEMEN IN THE WAR TO BUY AN ISLAND.

Lieut. Eugene Moss and Albert Cassidy told here how they purchased 78-acre Calumpian Island in Cagayan Bay, off the northwest coast of Leyte Island, for \$300.

They plan to use it as a vacation spot. Moss said they left a Filipino caretaker in charge.

Otherwise, the Island is uninhabited, with a grove of 700 coconut trees. They bought the Island from the assistant mayor of Carigara town. Associated Press.

WAR'S LITTLE TRICKS

Denver, Colo., Oct. 22.
"Oh, you're back! At last you're back!" exclaimed Ann Birdwell, 19, as she was reunited with her husband who had once given up as dead.

She married her husband's uncle 12 days before the aerial gunner was found alive in a Japanese prison camp.

The marriage to the uncle, Jack Marshall of Wichita, Kans., was annulled when Birdwell was found alive. "Everything is all right; it's all right now," Birdwell assured his wife. Associated Press.

MEDALS FOR MR. CHURCHILL

London, Oct. 22.
With his expressed wish "that Mr. Winston Churchill should have these medals," the King has delivered to the former Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, personally the 1939-1945 Star, the Africa Star, the Defence Medal and ribbons, reports the "Daily Telegraph" to-day.

It is believed that this is the first time that a Prime Minister, as an officer of the Services, has been awarded a campaign medal.

He is a Colonel of the 4th Hussars, the paper says. Reuter.

SYDNEY WALK-OUT

Sydney, Oct. 22.
The Lascar crew walked off the two Dutch ships Japara and General Versipik, which were scheduled to leave Sydney yesterday.

The seventy-four men said that they were unwilling to act for the Dutch, who were fighting the Indonesians.

The third Dutch ship Patras sailed yesterday several hours behind time. Reuter.

NOTEWORTHY

London, Oct. 22.
The Bank of England has requested all banks to adopt a new policy and to keep all notes in circulation until the last piece of year's has been got out of them. Reason is the high cost of banknotes. Reuter.

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BITTER BATTLE Near Peiping

Peiping, Oct. 22.
The Chin Ho military academy, where 1,200 cadets of the Chinese puppet army were training 10 miles north of Peiping, was attacked by the Red Chinese of the Communist army. It was learned here for the first time to-day.

Seventy students were reported killed or wounded and four barracks were burned to the ground. The clash was on the biggest scale yet reported in this area. The shooting started when the cadets refused to join the Eighth Route Army (Communist). Associated Press.

EX-STANLEYITES WED ON WAY HOME

A message from Colombo announces the marriage there recently on their way home of two ex-Stanley internees, Sgt. W. Kinloch, of the H.K. Police, and Mrs. Joan King. Mrs. King's former husband died as a prisoner of war in Japan. Copenhagen, Oct. 22.
It is announced here that members of the Nazi party will be allowed to vote in the forthcoming elections. A former candidate has however been prohibited. Reuter.

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MUSLIMS IN CONFLICT IN LONDON

Tired Britain Needs A Stimulant

LONDON, Oct. 22. THE EVERSHED COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED THE STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE COTTON INDUSTRY AND ITS REPORT WILL PROBABLY BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

Another, "working party," has been appointed by Sir Stafford Cripps to diagnose the whole trade with a view to putting it in condition to fulfil his directive to increase exports by fifty per cent.

Old cotton men regard the "Londons" which have followed for generations but they are relieved not to be threatened with nationalisation and admit that wage scales have to be raised and old practices and concepts discarded.

They say that the trouble is not the working conditions or rates of pay. Employees now cannot be tempted to work overtime because extra pay increases the tax rate and the rationing system is so tight that money cannot buy anything they want. The general tendency is to work under time.

This will not produce exports for England. Britain's problem is to induce a tired people to enlist in the new struggle for economic survival. This is particularly the problem of the cotton industry.

Many of the former cotton markets are lost beyond recovery but Manchester, though worried, is not stumped. She is determined to overhaul her industries, put the emphasis on equality and capture the specialty trade.—Reuter.

POPE FORESEES MAN SHORTAGE

Vatican City, Oct. 22. Pope Pius XII exhorted 1,000 Italian women on Sunday to participate actively in the nation's political life, but warned them to reject totalitarian systems which make marvellous promises.

The pontiff declared that the watchword of women to-day must be "to restore as far as possible the honour of a woman and a mother's place in the home."—Associated Press.

The pontiff declared that no wise woman favours a policy of class struggle or of war. He said: "Many brave men have fallen in the dreadful war and others have returned as invalids. Many young women therefore have waited in vain for the return of a husband and the flowering of new life."

He said the situation created a new need for the entry of women into civil and political life.—Associated Press.

JAP. SOCIALISTS' PROGRAMME

Tokyo, Oct. 22. Domei news agency reported to-day the newly formed Japanese Socialist party had announced a 30-point platform calling for basic labour and farming reforms without insisting upon a full socialist programme.

Domei also said the party leaders "courteously refused" to join the Communists under Yoshio Shiga, who recently was released from political imprisonment.—Associated Press.

UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION

Washington, Oct. 22. Edward Stettinius, Jr., United States representative on the United Nations organization committee, will report to President Truman to-morrow on the preliminary steps taken in London to activate the United Nations organization. Stettinius just returned from London conferences because of ill health. He is a recent Secretary of State.—Associated Press.

REICHSTAG FIRE TRIAL ECHO

Sofia, Oct. 21. Georgi Dimitrov, chief of the Bulgarian Communist Party, who won fame by his vigorous defence in the Reichstag Fire Trial in 1933, will soon return to Bulgaria from Russia, said Vasil Kolarov, leading Bulgarian Communist, to-day at the opening of the "Fatherland Front" electoral campaign.

Georgi Dimitrov, who, assumed Soviet citizenship after his acquittal in the trial, recently resumed Bulgarian nationality in order to stand as candidate in the forthcoming elections.—Reuter.

SWITCH LIGHTS ON. ONLY WHEN YOU MUST. FUEL IS SCARCE—SAVE ELECTRICITY

LONDON, Oct. 22. THE FUTURE CONTROL OF THE MUSLIM LEAGUE ORGANISATION IN GREAT BRITAIN WILL BE DECIDED AT AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE LONDON BRANCH OF THE ALL-INDIA MUSLIM LEAGUE IN LONDON TO-DAY.

THE MEETING IS A SEQUEL TO THE DIFFERENCES WHICH HAVE EXISTED FOR SOME MONTHS BETWEEN THE LONDON AND THE EDINBURGH BRANCHES AND THE TWO LEADERS MOHAMMAD ABBAS ALI IN LONDON AND ALI MOHAMMAD KHAN IN EDINBURGH.

The motion before to-day's meeting which will be moved by Abdul Wahab, senior vice-president of the London Branch reads: "This extraordinary general meeting strongly condemns the unconstitutional and high handed methods of Ali Mohammad Khan and his friends in constituting themselves a governing body of the hitherto unconvened general meeting of the Muslim League in Great Britain and summarily constituting themselves into a working committee."

This meeting also condemns the thrusting up by all Muslim League leaders in Great Britain of Ali Mohammad Khan as President of the all India Muslim League in Great Britain without general election and in contravention of section eight of the Constitution of the Muslim League.

Having flagrantly violated the constitution and abused the mandate from Mohammad Ali Jinnah President of the all India Muslim League, Ali Mohammad Khan has completely forfeited all confidence. This meeting authorises the executive of the all-India Muslim League, London Branch, to sever all connections with Ali Mohammad Khan and his Edinburgh organisation and immediately seek a press mandate directly.

At the scheduled time for the meeting to begin, Mohammad Abbas Ali entered the room and, in a statement, alleged he had been detained at the house of another Muslim where a private meeting was being held.

All stated "five men well known in Muslim circles told me they wanted a settlement of the problem and refused to let me go to my own meeting. After I had been detained for half an hour a Muslim bristler turned up and said that the men had no right to detain me. After some argument, I was allowed leave."—Reuter.

Documentary To Be Shown

"Tunisia Victory" is shortly to be shown in Hong Kong, possibly at the week-end.

This documentary, produced officially by British and American Film Units, covers all the naval and military operations leading to the final defeat of the Nazis in N. Africa. (A worthy successor to "Desert Victory" it starts right from the beginning when plans were laid in Washington, and by a series of brilliantly photographed battle scenes of the various phases of the war and illuminating diagrams, follows vividly the fluctuating fortunes of the British, American and French expedition.

Impressive pictures show the sailing of the twin convoys from Great Britain and America, their perfect timing in arrival at their respective rendezvous, and the subsequent attacks on Casablanca, Oran and Algiers. The unified command is shown following the Casablanca conference, with the collaboration of the French and the immediate attempt on the part of the Allied forces to beat the weather and accomplish a quick decision. How they were foiled at the last moment, but ultimately pounded the Nazis into submission in a past history, but it is still an inspiring picture of the power of the Allies and what they can achieve.

Its revealing figures, the Allied losses of 70,000, a ratio of 1-5 with the Nazis, who suffered the greatest defeat in military history, and the immense part played by the immortal Eighth Army, are items of unusual interest.

A great tribute to the cameramen, some of whom lost their lives, it covers the campaign in all its vivid detail and is further clearly defined in its American-British commentary which now and then provides a laugh and does not neglect to emphasise the futility of war.

QUISLING PETITIONS FOR PARDON

Oslo, Oct. 22. Quisling, under sentence of death, his appeal having been recently rejected, has now petitioned for a pardon. The decision will be a matter for the Norwegian Cabinet.—Reuter.

ATOMIC BOMB SECRET SUGGESTION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22. CONGRESSMAN VOORHIS, CALIFORNIA DEMOCRAT, PROPOSED TO-DAY THAT THE UNITED STATES SHARE ITS KNOWLEDGE OF ATOMIC POWER WITH ANY NATION THAT WILL GIVE UP ITS OWN WEAPON SECRETS.

He suggested to the House Military Committee that every nation entering into the pooling agreement would throw open its war plants and laboratories to international inspection.

He said failure to effect international control will lead to an armaments race and "ultimate destruction."

Simultaneously the advisory committee on the aircraft industry reported to the national planning commission that the atomic bomb and guided missiles have made aviation the most effective military instrument for maintaining world peace.—Associated Press.

Orion Gets Around

Southampton, Oct. 22. A record-breaking steamer voyage around the world in 74 days was claimed to-day for the 24,000 ton Orient liner "Orion," which docked here with 5,000 passengers, mostly soldiers from the Far East.

A. C. G. Hawker said the previous around-the-world steamer record was 81 days. The Orion travelled from England via the Panama Canal, New Zealand, Sydney, India and Suez. Hawker said the 14-day run from Bombay to England was the fastest steamer time for that trip.—Associated Press.

Breaking Up Zaibatsu

Tokyo, Oct. 22. A definite breaking up of the heads Zaibatsu (the big family financial group, which financial and industrial system) was announced to-day by the Finance Ministry.

The action is expected to strike at the foundations of such financial and industrial oligarchies as the Mitsu and Mitsuishi dominations.

The Finance Minister said the Cabinet had no desire or intention to resist the Allied directive on Zaibatsu.—Associated Press.

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PROTEST TO RUSSIA

London, Oct. 22. A Foreign Office spokesman said to-day that Britain has protested to Russia against the proposed five-year trade pact with Hungary. It was reported unofficially that the United States also had protested.—Associated Press.

Budapest, Oct. 21. On September 2nd it was reported that a five-year pact of "economic co-operation" had been concluded between Russia and Hungary, which would give the Soviet Union half interest in practically the whole of Hungarian economy. The pact envisaged the establishment of a number of big companies or combines, the control of which would be shared equally by Russia and Hungary.—Reuter.

Bargaining Point

Detroit, Oct. 22. This centre of America's great automobile industry watched to-day for reactions to the proposal of President C. E. Wilson of General Motors Corporation that the country should adopt a 45-hour work week.

Wilson, just returned from a conference with President Truman, declared that 40-hour week is standing as a block against the high production necessary to smooth out the country's post-war economy. He advocated a five to eight per cent wage increase for the 45-hour week.

His proposal was made as the National Labour Board prepared final plans for a strike vote on Wednesday in General Motors plants.

The C.I.O. automobile workers' union is demanding a 30 per cent wage increase. Strike votes are to be taken later on the same demands at Chrysler and Ford Motor company plants.—Associated Press.

London, Oct. 22. The Central Hall, Westminster, has been set aside for the use of the world peace organisation as from November 1 for a period of three months.—Reuter.

NOTICE

A meeting of the Officers' Christian Union will be held on Friday, October 26th, in the Gloucester Hotel. All wishing to be present please gather in the dining-room of the Officers' Club, Gloucester Hotel, about 4.15 p.m.

JAMES A. BOYES, Sub. Lieut. R.N.V.R. H.M.S. Anson

NOTICE

SUPPLY OF SPECTACLES.

Tenders are invited from the public for the supply of spectacles to the members of the Civil Affairs Administration on prescriptions supplied by the C.A.A. Medical Officer. The contract will be on a monthly basis. Full particulars can be obtained from C.A.A. (Medical Branch), Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor.

All tenders should be submitted in sealed covers clearly marked with the words "Tender for the supply of spectacles," and this should reach the Medical Branch not later than the 27th October, 1945.

The Administration does not intend to accept the lowest of any tender.

J. I. BARNES, Secretary, Medical Branch, Civil Affairs Administration, 20th October, 1945.

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Sinkiang Becomes New Focus Of Interest

CONGRESS WARNING

Penn., Ind., Oct. 22.—An official of the Indian National Congress party predicted today another struggle for Indian independence similar to the 1942 movement.—Associated Press.

Many Feared Dead At Buitenzorg

Batavia, Oct. 22.—Stories of the "black hole" of Buitenzorg reaching Batavia how that many Europeans and Eurasians lost their lives. More than a thousand were taken forcibly from their residences and herded into the tiny jail at Buitenzorg. Conditions were such that it was impossible for anyone to lie down and they were kept confined for three days without food or water. When during the night before the arrival of the relieving Gurkhas, the Indonesians became aware of the approach of the British units, mobs appeared at the jail searching for individuals who they thought could give "dangerous" information to the allies, and took them away. In the blackness and confusion, a good many evaded the search, but dozens disappeared that night and it is feared that there is little hope of their survival.—Associated Press.

ORDER RESTORED

Batavia, Oct. 22.—British forces have restored order in Bandoeng and Semarang after warring Indonesian nationalist leaders that violence would be punishable by death. The British commander at Bandoeng told the nationalists that Britain is not interested in political issues but wishes only to restore law and order. A headquarters spokesman said another brigade of soldiers will land on Tuesday to take over more completely from the Japanese. Before the first British arrived in Semarang, he said, tension was high between the Japanese and Indonesians and the Indonesians took over the internment camps.—Associated Press.

Singapore Dock Strike

Singapore, Oct. 22.—British troops and Japanese prisoners of war were engaged today unloading ships at Singapore, following the walk-out of native labourers.—Associated Press.

Singapore, Oct. 22.—Seven thousand dock labourers have gone on strike at Singapore, leaving the sprawling wharf area completely idle. Union officials said the unsanctioned walkout was understood to be a protest against insufficient wages and an expression of sympathy with the Indonesian nationalist movement in Java. They said munitions for use against the Indonesians were included in the cargoes.—Associated Press.

Well organized pickets, mostly young Chinese, are preventing workers from entering the dock area. While it is possible that the coolies are dissatisfied with their wages, because of the cost of living, the authorities consider agitators are the real cause of the strike. The suggestion that the strike is in protest against the loading of munitions for Java as officially discounted.—Reuter.

MILITARY "FERRY"

As from last night, the Military Authority have instituted a ferry service for their personnel who find it necessary to cross the harbour after the regular Star Ferry service has closed down for the night. The craft employed is a "second-wave" landing barge of the type used for carrying six jeeps. It has a collapsible landing bridge but no armament, and can travel from six to eight knots, doing the cross-harbour run in about ten minutes. One barge only is used, doing the crossing from Police Pier to Queen's Pier at 11.30, and the return crossing at midnight.

ZIVIC BEATEN

New York, Oct. 22.—Corporal Fritz Zivich, former welterweight champion, lost a 10-round decision to Joe Reddick, hard-hitting negro from Patterson, N.J., last night.—Associated Press.

CHUNGKING, OCT. 22.—CHINESE COMMUNISTS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY TODAY THAT THEIR FORCES SOUTH OF THE YANGTZE ARE MOVING NORTHWARD IN A WITHDRAWAL INTENDED TO ESTABLISH PEACE AND UNITY IN CHINA. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED THAT COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO CONTEND WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS OVER ACCEPTANCE OF JAPANESE SURRENDERS AT SHANGHAI, NANKING, HANGCHOW, OR NINGPO.

The Communists appealed to the Central Government to carry out its promise to democratize politics and nationalize the army in accord with the legal status of all parties "so as to achieve as soon as possible an independent, free, prosperous China." The Communists from Communist Yenan headquarters alleged that Central Government forces, sometimes with the cooperation of Japanese troops, have been attacking them in liberated areas from Canton to Inner Mongolia. Meanwhile, particular attention is being paid to efforts of the Central Government authorities to compose the situation in Sinkiang province, thereby avoiding possible friction with Russia.

The troubles there are based on a simmering revolt of Kazak tribesmen, which, some Chungking quarters allege might be exploited by Russia if the latter wanted a pretext for intervention in Sinkiang. Last spring Chungking in a bloodless coup ousted the then governor general, Sheng Shih-tai, as a gesture of appeasement toward Moscow.—Associated Press.

CHANG CHIH-CHUNG SENT Gen. Chang Chih-chung, one of the government's principal delegates in the recent unity talks with the Communists, is now in Sinkiang as a trouble shooter for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The Kazaks are a nomadic Moslem tribe of mixed Mongol and Turki races. It is believed here the Kazaks, possibly under outside inspiration, are hoping to create for themselves an autonomous region. Official quarters here, however, say the situation at present is quiet and there are no reports of any disturbances in the past five weeks.

Sinkiang, which formerly was virtually an economic appendage of Russia, is viewed as a valuable market for Russian goods, especially textiles, sugar, farm machinery and tobacco. SINKIANG'S WEALTH Russia in turn is able to import from Sinkiang sheep, wool, camel's hair, cotton and livestock. Sinkiang also is rich in mineral resources with valuable deposits of gold, copper and iron, all far from being fully exploited. But most important of all, Sinkiang is believed by some experts to contain potentially the richest oil pool in Asia, which would be an immensely important reserve for Russia if her own supplies ever fail her.

Apart from the Kazaks, another possible source of Chinese difficulty in Sinkiang is considered to be the white Russian inhabitants in the Kurda Kuldja region, who it is felt here might also be inspired by Russia.

U-BOAT CRIME APPEAL

HAMBURG, OCT. 22.—THE GERMAN U-BOAT MEN WHO WERE FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER OF THE BRITISH AND ALLIED SAILORS FROM THE STEAMER "PELEUS" TODAY LODGED AN APPEAL WHICH WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE COURT'S CONVENING OFFICERS. Three of the accused, Captain Eck, commander of the U-362 and two officers of the submarine, Lieutenant August Hoffman and Naval Surgeon Walter Pfennig were sentenced to death by shooting and two other accused received long terms of imprisonment—life for Captain Hans Richard Lenz and fifteen years for Leading Seaman Schwander. The men were yesterday found guilty after a four day trial by a court composed of British and Greek officers on a charge of committing the war crime of murdering Allied and British seamen of the steamer "Peleus" by machine gunning while they were in water and clinging to the rafts.—Reuter.

Pot And Kettle War

Berlin, Oct. 22.—American and Russian-controlled newspapers in Berlin are engaged in an open controversy over the way Hitler's former followers are being treated in their respective zones. The American army-published paper, criticized Nazi rehabilitation in "non-American" boroughs and implied the Communist party is responsible. The Soviet paper shouted in return that prominent Nazi still are at large in the American zone.—Associated Press.

15 AMERICAN FLIERS EXECUTED

Washington, Oct. 22.—The army and navy made public today the names of 15 American fliers who were executed by the Japanese in Burma last June after being taken prisoner. Eleven of the men were navy fliers, the others army.—Associated Press.

U.S. ARMY TRAGEDY

Yuba City, Calif., Oct. 22.—Six soldiers were killed and 17 injured when an army truck plunged off the road while returning to Camp Hood.—Associated Press.

Dollar Stamp Explanation

Large quantities of Hong Kong \$1 stamps were either stolen or given away during the Japanese occupation. It is this fact which explains the Post Office instruction that no \$1 stamps will be accepted as postage unless they are purchased at the Post Office and affixed to the letter on the spot.

Dollar Offer Hardened

Washington, Oct. 22.—It is understood that the terms of the American Dollar offer, made earlier this week, were far stiffer than was originally either intended or forecast and proved, as they stood, unacceptable to the British. The British view is that the delegation cannot accept any loan which cannot be adequately repaid. The delegation was anxious not to repeat the mistakes that were made after the last war. The Americans, on the other hand, are apparently being influenced by what they believe is the "conservative" temper of Congress and public opinion. British officials are confident that with goodwill on both sides, the present deadlock can be overcome.—Reuter.

VENEZUELA REVOLT SUCCEEDS

CARACAS, OCT. 22.—THE REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA ANNOUNCED TRIUMPHANTLY TODAY THAT IT COMPLETELY CONTROLS VENEZUELA. THE JUNTA BROADCAST SAID THE DEPOSED PRESIDENT, ISAIAS MEDINA ANGARITA, AND THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, ELEAZAR LOPEZ, ARE IN CUSTODY AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

PRINCE KONOYE'S FUTURE

TOKYO, OCT. 22.—GENERAL MACARTHUR PERSONALLY PROVIDED THE IMPETUS IN CURRENT EFFORTS TO REVISE THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION. PRINCE FUMIMARO KONOYE ADMITTED SAID TODAY. American authorities will approve the draft of the plan before it is presented to the Emperor, possibly in November. Konoys also revealed in an Associated Press interview that it is possible that the revisionists will insert an unprecedented clause specifying the procedure for abdication.

Any such change would be in the Imperial Household laws pertaining to the Emperor.—Associated Press. Prince Konoys later disclosed that General MacArthur's headquarters had suggested that he should head a liberal political movement in Japan. The prince said that Japanese had approached him on the question of forming and heading a new political party, but he added that he had not given his answer and was undecided what his future role might be.—Associated Press.

Secession Proposal

Liege, Oct. 21.—Six hundred and forty voters from a total of 1,048 voted here this evening at the National Walloon Congress for various suggestions which would involve the breaking up of the Belgian State in its present form. The Walloons are a slightly smaller proportion of the Belgian people than the Flemings and, at a later vote, the Congress agreed to a proposal for an Autonomous Walloonia in a Federal Belgium, after speakers had described the plan as "giving Belgium her last chance as a single country."—Reuter.

According to the latest report from Brussels, the Walloonia Conference has voted for the inclusion of the Walloon provinces into France.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BACKING

FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE NATIONALISTS IN INDONCHINA HAVE HAD JAPANESE BACKING—ALTHOUGH THE JAPANESE ARE NOW SHOWING CONSIDERABLE WILLINGNESS TO OBSERVE THE LATED ORDERS—IS REVEALED IN LEAFLETS DISCOVERED BY BRITISH TROOPS FOUR DAYS AGO. These said "all Viet Minh Nationalist troops who desert the French to join the Japanese will not be prosecuted." The leaflet was signed by Hoa Hoa "master of a large private army" in South East China. The disturbed condition in Indochina is further aggravated by the presence of this army for Hoa Hoa has frequently come into conflict with the Nationalists. Four thousand displaced plantation coolies who have taken to looting are another source of potential trouble.

General Le Clerc, representative of the French High Commissioner, has called for volunteers to form a "guard of liberation."—Reuter.

HOLLAND FACES CATASTROPHE

AMSTERDAM, OCT. 22.—IN THE MINDS OF MANY DUTCH THE INSURRECTION AGAINST THEIR AUTHORITY IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES IS MORE OF A CATASTROPHE THAN THE JAPANESE INVASION THAT STARTED THE TROUBLE. THE INVASION WAS A WAR WITH A FOREIGN POWER TO BE FOUGHT TO A CONCLUSION, BUT THE WAVE OF VIOLENCE ON PART OF THE INDONESIANS HAS POTENTIALLY FAR GREATER LONG TERM ASPECTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS TINY KINGDOM, WRITES THE "N. Y. TIMES."

There are two fears, one close at hand and the other a vague outline. It is feared that unrest may retard the recovery of the Indies to a point where it affects the recovery of the Netherlands.

This margin is slender, since the economy of the mother country is blended with and probably dependent on that of the colonies. The thought of losing the Indies or losing a large measure of control of them is such a stupefying conception for the Dutch that they prefer not to dwell on it.

GLOOMY VIEW Business interests approached by the writer incline toward an increasingly gloomy view of the situation. One man in a position to know what is going on stated: "People with inside information who have been there are not at all optimistic." This represents the net result of economic and political difficulties.

The Netherlands East Indies must contribute if this country is to recover. Outstanding in importance is the cash earned through deals with the United States and Britain.

Less important will be shipments of colonial products for consumers in Holland, though a large number of industries here produce Indonesian products for the world market. Employment is tied up in situation too. After the liberation, sixty thousand Hollanders sought jobs in Java. REHABILITATION AT STAKE

In the main, it can be said that Dutch industry is too badly scarred by German occupation to render a recovery easy and the flow of cash for rehabilitation hinges on the swift revival of the immensely wealthy East Indian plantations. Roughly one fifth of the population of the Netherlands is directly dependent on or indirectly interested financially in Indonesia. While it seems highly improbable to the Dutch that the United States or Britain would tolerate the creation of a loose knit Nationalist State centered on Java, there are disquieting possibilities of native control of exports which, in the opinion of business men here, would be "simply disastrous" to the Netherlands.

The Indies alone make the Netherlands a world power placing this counting in the forefront of the "have" powers. Faced with the serious dislocation of their economy at a time when they feel themselves poor and powerless the people of the Netherlands are to-day dispirited, anxious and inclined to blame others, especially the British for making bad enough seemingly much worse.—Reuter.

Poison Ring Smashed

Singapore, Oct. 22.—British military police said today they had smashed the poison liquor ring that was responsible for deaths and blindness to many Allied servicemen in Singapore. A raiding squad, striking everywhere from slums to exclusive clubs, seized 1,000 bottles of deadly methyl alcohol.—Associated Press.

FOUR TOKYO DEATHS

Wood alcohol which Japanese civilians "got from" abandoned American supplies claimed four more American lives in the Tokyo-Yokohama area last week. The deaths brought the total from poison liquor since the start of occupation to 12.—Associated Press.

COMMANDO SWIMMING GALA

A swimming gala was held at Gun Club Hill on Sunday among members of the No. 8, 42 and 44 Commandos. HQ and 42 Commandos found difficulty in holding a full team with the result that 44 won all events of the afternoon, final scores being: 44—21 points, 42—18 points, 8—9 points. It is hoped that a charity swimming gala can be run in the near future, in which the participants will include Portuguese and Chinese contestants.

TITLE FIGHT DRAW

Johannesburg, Oct. 21.—The British Empire lightweight champion, Laurie Stevens, and Alf James fought a drawn bout for the South African welterweight championship last night. Stevens did not fight with the old fire he will hit hard at a close quarters, wearing down his clever opponent.—Reuter.

Ontario Wins Again

H.M.C.S. Ontario's softball team again proved too good for the local performers on Sunday at Causway Bay. They defeated a Hong Kong team by six runs, Pedro Edwards, Lake and Fraser being their outstanding performers. Stan Leonard did exceedingly well at 1st base for the H.K. team.

Plans for formation of a softball league will be discussed at a meeting this evening at the I.R.C. office, Exchange Building. Major E. N. Thursby presiding. A silver cup and medals have been offered for competition by the Tai Sang Goldsmith Company. It will be known as the Tai Sang Victory Day Cup. Another cup and medals will be presented for a girls' tourney.

U.S. FOOTBALL RATINGS

New York, Oct. 22.—The Army ranked the No. 1 football team of the nation during the past week, with the navy still ranking second. Other unbeaten, untied teams include: Pennsylvania, Columbia, Holy Cross, Purdue, Notre Dame, Minnesota, Alabama, Duke, Texas.

The two service teams take on really tough opposition next Saturday, with the Cadets meeting Duke and the navy tackling Pennsylvania. Southern California is leading the Pacific Coast conference, with Washington second.—Associated Press.

Pool Offer A "Joke"

London, Oct. 21.—When the Football League officials gathered in Manchester to-night for the League meeting, at which the Football Pools offer will be discussed, a plan for a new pool—completely under the jurisdiction of sports organisations—was suggested. One official said: "A great national institution like the Football League should not be dependent on private enterprise for its sustenance. If clubs feel they are entitled to make capital out of their fixtures then let them run their own pools. The offer of £100,000 is a joke."—Reuter.

SOCGER RESULTS

The following football results were inadvertently omitted from yesterday's tabulation: League III South (North): Ipswich Town 3, Clapton Orient 1; Northampton 0, Queen's Park Rangers 2; Notts County 1, Mansfield Town 0; Port Vale 2, Watford 1; Southend United 1, Norwich City 4.—Reuter.

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